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SUBJECT: TAW

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1. SUMMARY. AT GRZ INITIATIVE, ACCORDING TO LOCAL TAW LEGAL REP ZULU, AND CONFIRMED BY SOLICITOR GENERAL CHIBESAKUNDA, THERE TO BE MEETING HERE OCT 10 WITH TOM WOOD RE (A) GRZ PURCHASE OF THE 62 TRUCKS IN ZAMBIA AND (B) RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SOLUTION TO ENTIRE TAW DISPUTE. SOLICITOR GENERAL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION RE ARBITRATION, THOUGH PRESS, CITING ZULU AND SOLICITOR GENERAL AS SOURCES, TODAY REPORTS ARBITRATION TO COMMENCE SOON. END SUMMARY.

2. ZULU TOLD US TODAY THAT GRZ DEFINITELY WISHES PURCHASE THE 62 TRUCKS AND HAS DROPPED ITS PROPOSAL THAT 1.6 MILLION DOLLAR ZAMBAIN DOWN PAYMENT MADE AT OUTSET OF TAW DEAL BE APPLIED TO PURCHASE. VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS, WHICH GRZ HAD IMPOUNDED, HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED TO ZULU.

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MAJOR QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED ARE PRICE AND

WHETHER GRZ WILL ACCEED TO WOOD INSISTENCE PAYMENT BE CASH IN FULL. ZULU APPEARS CONFIDENT AGREEMENT ON GRZ PURCHASE OF 62 TRUCKS WILL BE REACHED WITH RELATIVE EASE.

3. ZULU ADDED ZAMBIANS HAVE ALSO INFORMED TAW THEY WISH RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF DISPUTE OVER TAW CONTRACT CANCELLATION. ZULU BELIEVES OCT 10 MEETING WITH SET STAGE FOR SUCH RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. RE ARBITRATION, ZULU HAS RECEIVED FROM ALAN DYNNER COPY OF ICC PARIS FORMAL NOTIFICATION DATED AUG 30 OF TAW INITIATION OF ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS WHICH INFORMALLY PASSED TO SOLICITOR GENERAL. SAME NOTIFICATION WAS POSTED BY ICC SEPT 13 TO GRZ IN REGISTERED LETTER WHICH SG'S OFFICE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED. GRZ NOW KEENLY AWARE OF TAW ARBITRATION MOVE AND IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION SOLICITOR

GENERAL CHIBESAKUNDA ASKED US IF USG COULD USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO PERSUADE TAW TO WITHDRAW ITS ARBITRATION CASE IN VIEW OF INITIATION NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD FULL SETTLEMENT OCT 10. CHIBESAKUNDA, AGREEING WITH PRIME MINISTER, STILL SAW MUCH VALUE TO PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG ZAMBIAN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICY MAKERS NOW IN WASHINGTON (CHIKWANDA ET AL -- LUSAKA 1933). WITH WOOD, OPIC AND OTHER US PRIVATE INTERESTS UNDER USG UMBRELLA AND HOPES, AS DOES EMBASSY, THERE HAS BEEN MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION TO CLARIFY POINTS OF VIEW AND FACILITATE SETTLEMENT.

5. CHIBESAKUNDA WAS EXTREMELY GUARDED IN DISCUSSING 1.6 MILLION DOLLAR DOWN PAYMENT ITEM. SHE REAFFIRMED PM'S STATEMENT IT AGREED ITEM ON AGENDA "BUT NOT IN OLD CONTEXT." RELUCTANT TO EXPAND ON THIS REMARK. IT POSSIBLE GRZ HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFERED SOME CONCESSION ON THIS ITEM IN EXCHANGE FOR CONCESSION FROM WOOD ON STEP-BY-STEP, RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE GLOBAL SOLUTION.
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